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A Growing Problem

~~Tourists~~ through the lake excursion boats, the buses bound for the chalets at snow-line of the many Alpine peaks, take leisurely tea on the terraces of hotels or stroll the streets of the old cities, unaware of the growing army of secret agents among them.

But to Ambassador Taylor it is a "growing and readiness problem, for the security of the United States is at stake."

In Zurich I asked if the supply of fraudulent passports and documents from Prague was a serious menace to the Western nations. My informants said:

"They worried us for a while. The counterfeits are excellent; often only a laboratory test of the paper itself will show it to be imitation."

"We have evolved countermeasures of our own which are not ineffectual. Frequently, for reasons of our own, we permit known or suspected agents to enter Western nations and even expedite the work they are attempting."

"Often our own men travel with them. And in such counter-spy operations are the unsung heroes of the cold war."

"The Communist spy control has a great deal of ego, and we are not adverse to helping build it up."